

## **MINUTES**

### **UTAH PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD MEETING**

**October 14, 2003**

**Room 428 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 9:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building**

**CONVENED:** 9:10 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:25 A.M.

**Bureau Manager:**  
**Board Secretary:**

Douglas Vilnius  
Karen McCall

**Board Members Present:**

Dean Armstrong  
Lisa L. Turner  
Richard G. Allis  
Janet Roemmell  
Jack A. Barnett, Chairperson

**Guests:**

Craig Jackson, Division Director  
Laura Poe, Division Assistant Director  
Ray Walker, Division Regulation and  
Compliance Officer  
David R. Friz, UCPG

#### **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Read and approve the August 28, 2003 minutes.

Mr. Allis made a motion to approve the minutes with a minor revision. Ms. Roemmell seconded the motion. **Mr. Allis, Ms. Roemmell, Ms. Turner and Mr. Barnett voted in favor. Mr. Armstrong declined vote based on his being absent.**

##### **PENDING BUSINESS:**

National Ground Water Association Inquiry

The board reviewed the letter requesting answers to specific scenarios with specific questions regarding what types of geology work requires a licensed person.

**The board recommended Mr. Vilnius respond by**

referring to the law and rule and a statement that the Division does not always respond to these types of questions as the Division does not always have all the facts. The Division and the Board recommend a review of the laws and rules and if there are still questions, contact legal counsel for clarification. If there appear to be some vague areas, please respond with the specifics and the division and board will review those areas. If an individual is practicing geology in the state of Utah, the individual must either be licensed, under supervision of a licensed person or must fall into the exempt category.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Review Law regarding the Practice of Geology

Mr. Vilnius reviewed the area of the practice of geology in the law and the definition in rule R156-76-101(4) of the "Practice of geology before the public" does not include the following aspects of paleontology;...

**The board determined that the law is clear regarding the practice of geology and the rule is clear in stating that the paleontologist is not required to be licensed.**

Review Proposed Rule Changes and Association Responses

Mr. Vilnius reviewed the proposed rules with the board. Mr. Vilnius stated that the association has not yet made contact regarding any responses to the proposed rule changes. Mr. Vilnius stated that the proposed rules have not yet been filed.

**The board requested the rules be filed as soon as possible and no planned rules hearing. Should the division determine that a rules hearing needs to take place, the board requested notification be sent to the board.**

Anthropology Education for Geoscience Degree

Mr. Vilnius discussed the possibility of including a degree in anthropology as geoscience degree.

**The board responded that there are some cross-over classes from anthropology into geoscience.**

**The board recommended that if an application comes in with an anthropology degree, the division staff contact the college or university and ask if the anthropology degree is in the area of geoscience. If the degree is in the area of geoscience, present the application to the board for review. If the degree is not in the area of geoscience the application should be denied.**

Education and Enforcement Fund Update and proposed Budget Review and Suggestions

Mr. Vilnius reviewed the education and enforcement fund balances and a proposed budget for the funds. Mr. Vilnius explained that estimated travel to ASBOG conferences, any communications to all licensees, DOPL workshops and miscellaneous items were included in the proposed budget expenditures.

**Board members reviewed the education and enforcement fund revenues. No action taken.**

**Board members reviewed the proposed budget. The board requested discussion be deferred to the next scheduled meeting for responses from the board.**

Cameras

Mr. Vilnius presented a request from investigations for funding from the education and enforcement fund for the purchase of phone/cameras for investigators. The cost is approximately \$100.00 per phone/camera.

**Mr. Armstrong made a motion to approve \$200.00 of education and enforcement funds for the purchase of 2 phone/cameras for investigations. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous.**

DOPL Workshop Update and Schedule

Mr. Vilnius reviewed a proposed agenda for the DOPL workshop to be held in Cedar City on November 12, 2003. Mr. Vilnius stated that a board member from the Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Board, the Architect Board, the Landscape Architect Board and the Geology Board will be on the agenda for brief discussion with question and answers at the end of the presentations.

**Mr. Armstrong volunteered to represent the Geology Board at the workshop. The board requested a follow up report at the next scheduled**

**board meeting.**

Update on Licensees

Mr. Vilnius reported that Utah current has licensed 269 Utah residents and 222 out of State residents. **The board noted the information.**

Update on ASBG Contract for Examinations

Mr. Vilnius stated that the contract has been signed with ASBOG. The first examination will be March 5, 2004. ASBOG has extended the deadline for Utah registration to January 20, 2004 in order for applicants to submit information and be approved for the examinations. **Board members noted the information.**

Chairperson

Mr. Allis nominated Ms. Roemmel for chairperson. Ms. Wood seconded the motion. **The board vote was unanimous. Board members thanked Mr. Barnett for serving as chairperson.**

2004 Board Meeting Schedule

**Board members noted that February 10, June 15 and October 19, 2004 have been scheduled for board meetings.**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:**

February 10, 2004

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:**

11:25 A.M.

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Date Approved

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Chairperson, Utah Professional Geologist Licensing Board

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Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing